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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SUBJECT:

Applicants:

Boyce et al.

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STRUCTURES AND METHOD OF JOINING

COMPOSITE PARTS

Examiner:

Young, Micah Paul

Group:

1618

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FM-112J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a RESPONSE in reply to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2005 in the subject Application. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$250.00 for the fee under 37 CFR §1.16 for one (1) additional claim in excess of twenty, which is also an independent claim in excess of three.

Further enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time within the First Month, along with a check in the amount of \$120.00 for the fee for a large entity to obtain the extension.

If for any reason this RESPONSE is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, at (781) 890-5678.

If any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 09-0002. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to my deposit account.

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In addition, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a)(3), the Office is hereby authorized to treat any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Also, any request or Petition for an Extension of Time notwithstanding an inadvertent reference in the Petition to a shorter period of time is to be treated as requesting the appropriate length of time.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by returning the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

Sincerely,

David W. Poirier Reg. No. 43,007

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February 6, 2006.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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